



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to our extended family,

So much has changed in our world over the last year, but the comfort and healing found in loving family remains steadfast. That is the prime reason for the resilience of our children, families and the organisation.

At Home from Home we have been well supported in meeting the challenges that Covid 19 has faced us with in this first year. However, after realising the extended nature of the pandemic, we anticipated the economic impact that would follow down the line.

The Department of Social Development (DSD) has predicted that 25% of the NGO sector may be forced to close their doors. These economic repercussions started to happen quite significantly for Home from Home during the latter half of last year. Some donors have had to reduce or withdraw their funding due to economic pressures. Most recently, in March, we received news that our most significant annual donor, who has supported us since our inception, 16 years ago, has had to close their doors.

In light of this, we have had to be innovative in our fundraising efforts and we are delighted to have been selected as one of three beneficiaries for the Cableway Charity Challenge this year. (Read all about it below)

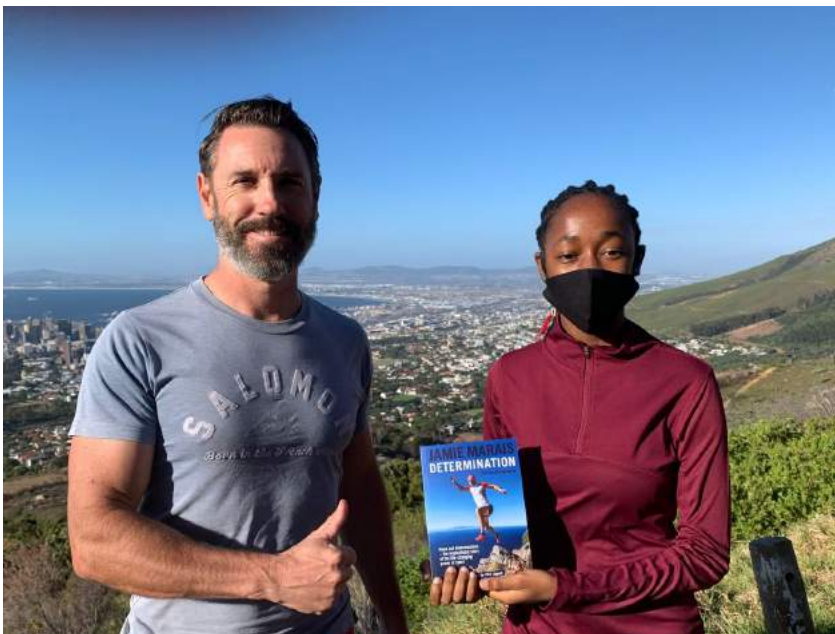
Also, our Orange Art Project pioneered by well-known artist, Jill Trappler was an incredibly successful and rewarding initiative during Lockdown last year and culminated in a delightful exhibition at a gallery in the city centre. (Read below)

We need to continuously look for new ways to fund the core of our business – our 36 Loving Family Foster Homes which support the almost 200 vulnerable children in our care.

Please help us with our "special appeal" below to ensure that none of our homes need to be closed. We are determined to keep all of our magnificent Foster Mothers in our employ and caring for the many children that need our help.

Warm wishes

Peter Marx
Executive Director



Left: Jamie Marais handing over his book "Determination" to Amaza (right)



From left: Tanya, Amaza and Jamie

CABLEWAY CHARITY CHALLENGE

Training has reached a peak and Tanya, one of our fundraisers, and Amaza, a Home from Home matriculant, will be climbing Table Mountain together to raise funds for our organisation. The aim is to ascent as often as possible over an extended time period this year due to Covid. It takes place from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th April.

(Amaza will not be missing any school!)

In preparation for the event, Amaza met up with Jamie Marais, a South African ultra endurance athlete who has speed summited Platteklip Gorge 22 times in 28 hours a few years ago! He gave her tips about nutrition and keeping a positive mindset. We wish them luck as they push themselves to the limit to raise R1 million along with over 150 other participants.

Please support their efforts by donating via:
<https://charitychallenge.co.za>

12 foster homes



60 talented foster children



8 dedicated artist mentors



347 art pieces in 8 months

ORANGE ART PROJECT

The Orange Art Project, a unique exhibition of colourful artwork took place in February at the Spin Street Gallery in Cape Town. It was open to the public and received much attention both locally and abroad.

This pilot project was the brainchild of Jill Trappler, who encouraged 8 artists to assist her by initially introducing the joy of the creative arts to 6 of our foster homes. It soon grew to 12 homes as the enthusiasm spread! The plan is to raise additional funds to continue and grow the project this year.

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"It is definitely one of the more positive aspects to have emerged from the Covid-19 period. The children have not been able to attend school regularly, they have had a lot of free time. This project has assisted in going some way towards filling this gap"

NEWSFLASH

Congratulations
to our resilient
matriculants of 2020

Our three matriculants
all passed their exams
last year despite a very
tough year!

Michelle* is studying psychology at UWC this year.

Janine* has been accepted into the Hospitality Course at the Amy Foundation.

Zee* has been accepted into the Sewing and Design Course at the Amy Foundation.

They can be so proud of their achievements!

* Pseudonyms are used to protect the privacy of our children

With almost 25% of our children in the process of needing to actively prepare for disengaging out of foster care, it is hugely exciting to report that we have found support for our comprehensive three year Transitional Programme.

This includes preparation for our 16+ age group, a work readiness programme and additional support after foster care

Wonderful three year
support for our Evelyn
Connolly Transitional
Support Programme

SPECIAL APPEAL

SUPPORT A LOVING FAMILY FOSTER HOME

On average it costs R250 000 per year to provide a Loving Family Home for the children in our care. With 36 foster homes, our focus has been to ensure that our homes remain operational and funded

[Click here to donate](#)



SUPPORT A LOVING FAMILY FOSTER HOME

The average monthly costs per house (with six children) include:

- **Education:** R1 900 (school fees, school transport, stationery, uniform and tutoring)
- **Children's development:** R1 700 (therapy, medical treatment and workshops/sessions)
- **Housekeeping:** R6 800 (water, electricity, rates, rent, groceries, repairs and maintenance)
- **Staff costs:** R9 300 (salary/wages, training and welfare)
- **Computer connectivity:** R1 450 (data and IT support)

Home from Home Banking Details

Acc name: Home from Home Trust

Acc number: 1011109700

Bank: Nedbank

Branch code: 198765

Swift code: NEDSZAJJ

Ref: LFH/Email address

Email proof of payment to info@homefromhome.org.za

There are many ways you can assist us.

Every donation, big or small, is a huge help!

Sponsor a child for R200 per month and receive bi-annual news and updates.

Email us at info@homefromhome.org.za to become part of our child sponsorship programme or for more information on how you can get involved.

Feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family



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MAKE EVERY SWIPE COUNT

Simply add us as your beneficiary and help raise funds for Home from Home every time you swipe your MyVillage Card



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